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DOH-CITRUS CONDUCTS INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXERCISE ON AUG. 22

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The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County (DOH-Citrus) will carry out a full-scale infectious disease control exercise at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, at the UF/IFAS Extension parking lot, located at 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto.

The exercise will focus on preparing DOH-Citrus staff for and response to an infectious disease outbreak or other public health emergencies where employees may be exposed to bio-hazardous and chemically hazardous substances.



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Media on site can get video of staff rehearsing the proper procedures for donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) personal protective equipment (PPE). DOH-Citrus Emergency Preparedness Planner Patrick Boyd will put employees' PPE techniques to the test with a gel commonly known as Glo Germ™, which illuminates simulated germs using UV light.

Media outlets planning to attend should arrive no later than 10:30 a.m.

County health departments play a key role in preparing their communities for disasters, responding when emergencies occur and lending support to agencies through the recovery process. Throughout the year, DOH-Citrus provides training and support to staff as well as health and medical partners within the county.

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